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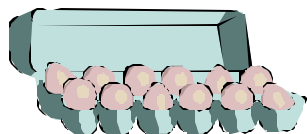
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere in the country, prices were lower on the larger sizes, and unchanged to mostly lower on mediums. The market tone ranged about steady to weak, with the lighter weights in the strongest position. Retail demand was mixed in a full range, light to good at times, with best interest centering around scattered promotional activity. Supplies of the larger sizes were at least adequate to ample, and mediums were usually adequate to well balanced. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was often irregular. Light type hens were fully sufficient for processors' immediate needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices ranged 3 to 7 cents lower for the larger sizes and 2 cents lower for mediums, when based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were 3 cents lower for extra large and large and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. Prices were unchanged in Boston. The market tone was generally weak. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fair, better where features provided additional interest. Supplies of the larger sizes were ample and the smaller sizes were mixed. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were ample to about adequate for the usually fair demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for trading needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were 3 cents lower for the larger sizes and 2 cents lower for mediums. The market tone was mostly weak. Demand was mixed and ranged from light to occasionally good, better where items were featured. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for the larger sizes and generally adequate for mediums.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady. Demand into all outlets light, best movement to features that are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate to ample.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 2 to 5 cents lower for the larger sizes and were unchanged for the lighter weights. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to at times weak for the larger sizes and mostly steady for medium and small. Retail demand was mixed, light to fairly good with feature activity moving some extra product. Food service movement was at best moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for jumbo, extra large, and large and were in fairly good balance for medium and small. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were too few to report. Trading and demand was light. Regular commitments were satisfactory for the current needs. The trade sentiment was mostly steady.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were lower on the larger sizes, and unchanged on mediums. In Florida and elsewhere, prices were lower. The market tone was barely steady to weak on the larger sizes, about steady to instances weak on the lighter weights. Demand was generally fair to moderate, best for the occasional retail feature. Supplies of the extra large and large sizes were usually available, and mediums were often balanced to adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending January 14, 2000, was 62.82 cents, 13.85 cents less than last week, and 10 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies ranged adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product was often irregular. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices in California 4 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small; in the Northwest 3 cents lower on the large sizes, unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% higher than last week with California up 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 8%. Retailer demand fair to occasionally good. Offerings adequate.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	103-105	92-94	59-61
New York	62-64	59-62	51-54
Philadelphia	60-66	58-64	50-53
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	56-57	54.5-56	48-49
Jackson (1)	67-68	63-64	57-58
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-77	61-75	52-66
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	54-59	53-58	45-50
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	41-44
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-58.5	51-57	42-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	53-60	45-52
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	72-73	67-69	59-60
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	92	85	78
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices 4 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% higher than last week. Retailer demand fair to good. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 58. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99-129, buy 1 get 1 free.

**CALIFORNIA: PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	105
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	78

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-199

### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

	RANGE
JUMBO	235-269
EXTRA LARGE	199-239
LARGE	179-219
MEDIUM	149-179

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 21, 2000 will increase by 16 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 14, 2000 were 229,896 cases which was 17 percent below the prior week and 9 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	197,798	32,098	229,896
% change from the prior week.....	-19	-4	-17

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Trading was too few to report for heavy nest runs with checks and undergrades unchanged. Trading and demand was light. Regular commitments were satisfying most breakers current needs. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**RANGE**

NEST RUN	TFEWR
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-14
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	8.5-10	10.03

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair but unaggressive for reduced but sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were irregular. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8-10	10.00
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Jan 17, 2000**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT				
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.5	11.8	7.1	10.1	7.2	41.7
	Change	-0.1	1.0	0.9	1.2	-0.1	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.5	38.8	15.3	25.8	20.5	127.9
	Change	2.5	2.6	1.0	3.5	0.1	8%
Large	Curr Wk	48.5	94.3	49.6	69.7	86.3	348.4
	Change	9.3	9.4	-0.3	13.6	8.1	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.9	34.6	15.1	15.3	18.0	93.9
	Change	-2.0	1.1	0.6	-3.1	-3.7	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	5.4	1.2	4.3	3.4	18.2
	Change	0.8	1.4	-1.7	-0.1	-1.0	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	25.2	8.0	8.9	5.6	53.2
	Change	-0.6	-2.2	1.4	-2.3	0.6	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	41.1	65.6	13.0	24.8	43.2	187.7
	Change	-1.7	0.7	-2.6	0.8	-1.2	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	142.9	275.7	109.3	158.9	184.2	871.0
Percent	Change	6%	5%	-1%	9%	2%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	871.0	5%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	419.4	-6%	40
Total Shell Egg	1290.4	1%	208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 14, 2000

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	7.25	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	19.00	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	26.25
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CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC	NW		SW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG					DST	ORG	DST	ORG	
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00		GL W XL	41.00	44.00	—	—	—	46.00	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	28.25	30.00	1.00		GL W LG	39.64	45.00	—	—	—	44.67	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W MD	33.00	—	—	—	—	39.50	1.75
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	38.50	—	2.00		NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	36.50	—	2.75									
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75									
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	24.25	26.00	6.00									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/08/00-01/14/00

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	83.25	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	58.00	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	141.25
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	39.33	43.50	40.50	41.33	44.80	—	23.00	GNR W 1	—	46.78	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	28.25	30.00	3.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00			
GNR W 3	—	33.50	—	—	28.88	30.50	4.00	GNR W 3	—	32.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00			
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GNR BR 2	—	—	66.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	41.00	44.00	—	—	55.00	53.56	10.00				
GL W XL	—	46.00	46.90	48.40	43.76	—	15.75	GL W LG	39.64	45.00	—	—	—	45.86	6.50				
GL W LG	—	46.77	42.00	—	37.55	44.00	10.75	GL W MD	37.14	40.00	42.00	43.00	—	43.44	10.00				
GL W MD	42.14	—	35.64	37.63	41.08	—	17.25	GL W SM	18.00	—	—	—	—	24.00	2.00				
GL W SM	21.50	23.00	19.75	22.38	—	—	5.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25				
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50				
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50	NRBS - 48	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	6.00				
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	31.00	2.00	NRBS - 45	—	26.00	—	—	—	—	1.00				
NRBS - 48	—	—	29.00	31.67	25.75	27.33	18.50	NRBS - 39	19.00	20.00	—	—	—	—	3.00				
NRBS - 45	—	—	27.00	28.00	22.50	—	1.25												
NRBS - 39	14.00	—	—	—	—	—	5.00												

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 01/02/00 - 01/08/00****Origin**

State	AZ	AR	CO	IA	MN	MO	MT	NH	OH	OR	PA	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	1,520	0	0	0	0	0	260	0	2,618	0	4,398
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	870	780	0	0	288	1,938
S. CA	768	984	5,087	18,857	11,232	2,020	240	1,720	4,303	0	780	1,483	0	50,174
TTL STATE	768	984	5,087	20,377	11,232	2,020	240	1,720	5,173	1,040	780	6,801	288	56,510

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	81-84	70-73	40-43	11-14

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
59-62	50-56	48-53	39-44	25-29

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-36	27-29	15-17

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
70.55	63.24	43.18

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS**

(In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/17/00	01/10/00	01/18/99
PACIFIC COAST	109	104	88
LOS ANGELES	0	0	25

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

PRICES DELIVERED

TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR JANUARY 11,2000:

	CARTONS	WTD AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

**RECEIPTS FROM THE MAINLAND:** 01/2-8/00 12/28/99-1/1/00

30-dozen cases	4,144	3,972
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